

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 1-32.

Making reference to the Office Action Summary, it is noted that the Examiner has set a 1-month response date. It is further noted that the claims are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. Making reference to the Detailed Action, the Examiner requires an election, indicating that the claims are directed to patentably distinct species, namely the species of Figure 1 and Figure 8.

Responsive to the Examiner's requirement that applicant, under 35 U.S.C. §121, elect a single disclosed specie, applicant herewith elects the specie of Figure 1 and submits that the following claims are readable thereon: 1, 15-17, 19, 21-25, 28, 30 and 31.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner that, currently, claim 1 is generic.

It is understood that, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims for additional species which depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of an allowable generic claim, as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.141. It should be noted that no new claims have been added to this application.

In view of the foregoing, early examination and allowance of the elected claims set forth above are earnestly solicited.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-32, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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